(d) and (e) Development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs) is a continuous process which is carried on in a phased manner depending upon availability of funds and *inter-se* priority of works. However, all the NHs including NH-30 and NH-84 are being maintained in traffic worthy condition within available resources.

Road projects in Bihar under NHDP-III

†1143. SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of road projects of Bihar approved or proposed to be approved under third phase of National Highways Development Programme;

(b) the amount allocated for the same; and

(c) by when these projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) In the State of Bihar, nine National Highways stretches totalling to 890 km have been identified for upgradation under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase-III. This has been divided into 10 stretches. The project cost of these stretches has been assessed to be Rs. 6854 crore. At present these projects are proposed to be taken up on Build, Operate and Transfer basis.

Patna-Muzaffarpur section of NH-19 and 77 and Patna-Bakhtiarpur section of NH-30 have been included in NHDP Phase-IIIA for implementation and the rest of the stretches are presently included in NHDP Phase-IIIB for preparation of Detailed Project Report.

Construction of Rail Over Bridges by NHAI

1144. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is to construct eleven (11) Rail Over Bridges (ROB) under National Highway Development

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Programme (NHDP) in Bihar on National Highways Nos. 4, 11A, 16, 54A, 33, 34, 32, 175, 47, 10A and 47;

(b) if so, the reasons for not starting construction of these ROBs and the action his Ministry has taken/propose to take to start construction of these eleven ROBs;

(c) whether NHAI is required to sign MoUs with the State Government of Bihar regarding construction of nine ROBs at NH Nos. 31, 30, 67A, 47/48, 48A, 59, 53, 69 and 102; and

(d) if so, the action taken to sign MoUs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) The National Highways Nos. 4, 11A, 16, 54A, 33, 34, 32, 175, 47, 10A and 47 do not fall in the State of Bihar.

(c) and (d) No MOU is required to be signed by NHAI with Bihar Government for ROBs on National Highways mandated to NHAI.

Development of NHs

1145. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been developing National Highways on priority basis;

(b) if so, the amount allocated for Central Road Fund (CRF); and

(c) the amount sanctioned and released for National Highways in Himachal Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIAPPA): (a) The development of National Highways is a continuous process and the same is being carried out in phased manner on the basis of traffic intensity, *inter-se* priority and availability of funds. Nevertheless, the Government has taken up Specific Projects for development of National Highways with target date of completion, which, includes various phases of National Highways Development Project (NHDP) and the Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for North-Eastern Region (SARDP-NE).